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Broadcast by Ruth Van Deman, Bureau of Home Economics, in the Department of Agriculture's portion of the National Farm and Home Hour, Thursday, March 4, 1943, over stations associated with the Blue Network.

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VAN DEMAN: The Governors of all 48 States are receiving telegrams today from Secretary Wickard. The telegrams ask the governors to make arrangements for young people in the schools of small towns and rural areas to help plant essential crops this spring. Farmers need all the help they can get in spring planting. This action supplements other farm labor measures the Department of Agriculture is taking, through the newly organized Agricultural Labor Administration.

Even though the winter winds are blowing and the snow lies deep in some places, now is the time to start planning and organizing neighborhood food preservation centers. Just as farmers are pooling and sharing farm machinery, homemakers in many places can pool canning equipment, especially steam pressure canners. Anyway we figure it, there aren't enough steam pressure canners to do the job of processing peas, beans, corn, and other non-acid vegetables from victory gardens this summer. You can take some of the pressure off the steam pressure outfits by drying corn and some of the other vegetables. A neighborhood-built, neighborhood-shared food drier would help to put by a lot of sweet corn for next winter's eating. The Department of Agriculture has two bulletins to offer. One is "Community Food Preservation Centers"; the other, "Drying Food for Victory Meals." Both of these are free to all comers. To make it brief, just write "community food preservation centers" and "home drying" on a post card and send it to the Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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